

13.201 General.

- (a) *Agency heads* are encouraged to delegate *micro-purchase* authority (see [1.603-3](#)).
- (b) The *Governmentwide commercial purchase card* shall be the preferred method to purchase and to pay for *micro-purchases* (see [2.101](#)).
- (c) Purchases at or below the *micro-purchase threshold* may be conducted using any of the methods described in subpart [13.3](#), provided the purchaser is authorized and trained, pursuant to agency procedures, to use those methods.
- (d) *Micro-purchases* do not require provisions or clauses, except as provided at [13.202](#) and [32.1110](#). This paragraph takes precedence over any other FAR requirement to the contrary, but does not prohibit the use of any clause.
- (e) The requirements in part 8 apply to purchases at or below the *micro-purchase threshold*.
- (f) The *procurement* requirements in subparts [23.1](#), [23.2](#), [23.4](#), and [23.7](#) apply to purchases at or below the *micro-purchase threshold*.
- (g)
 - (1) For *acquisitions* of *supplies* or services that, as determined by the *head of the agency*, are to be used to support a *contingency operation*; to facilitate defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack; to support a request from the Secretary of State or the Administrator of the *United States* Agency for International Development to facilitate provision of international disaster assistance pursuant to [22 U.S.C. 2292](#) et seq; or to support response to an *emergency* or *major disaster* ([42 U.S.C. 5122](#)), the *micro-purchase threshold* is—
 - (i) \$20,000 in the case of any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, inside the *United States*; and
 - (ii) \$35,000 in the case of any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, outside the *United States*.
 - (2) Purchases using this authority *must* have a clear and direct relationship to the support of a *contingency operation*; or the defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack; international disaster assistance; or an *emergency* or *major disaster*.
- (h) When using the *Governmentwide commercial purchase card* as a method of payment, purchases at or below the *micro-purchase threshold* are exempt from verification in the System for Award Management as to whether the contractor has a delinquent debt subject to collection under the Treasury Offset Program (TOP).
- (i) Do not purchase any hardware, software, or services developed or provided by Kaspersky Lab that the Government will use on or after October 1, 2018. (See [4.2002](#)).
- (j)

(1) On or after August 13, 2019, do not procure or obtain, or extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential *component* of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception applies or a waiver is granted. (See subpart [4.21](#).)

(2) On or after August 13, 2020, agencies are prohibited from entering into a contract, or extending or renewing a contract, with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential *component* of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception applies or a waiver is granted (see subpart [4.21](#)). This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract.

Parent topic: [Subpart 13.2 - Actions At or Below the Micro-Purchase Threshold](#)